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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/550,790	Applicant(s) MARIKAWA ET AL.	
	Examiner NAEEM HAQ	Art Unit 3625	

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 7, and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6, 8-10 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 September 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed 9/27/2005 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-6, 8-10, and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

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1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 1, 7, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokomizo et al. (US 2002/0067500 A1) ("Yokomizo") in view of Ida et al. (US 7,050,070 B2) ("Ida").

Referring to claims 1, 7, and 11: Yokomizo teaches an image-editing service system comprising: a network (paragraph [0002]); a server connecting to the network (paragraph [0034]); a user terminal for performing a design order connecting to the network (paragraph [0043]); an administrator terminal connecting to the network for receiving the design order via the server and performing an order of image-editing work based on the design order (paragraph [0212]); a worker terminal connecting to the network for performing image-editing based on the order of image-editing work and for creating an image information (paragraphs [0169] and [0170]); and, the server comprising; a database for storing the image information sent from worker terminal (paragraph [0168]); a first image generating section for generating a first image based on the image information stored in the database (paragraph [0197]); a display section for displaying an image display frame so as to display the first image in a display window of the user terminal and displaying a window information so as to display a display condition of the first image which is allowed to be input (Figure 7, "70"). Yokomizo does not teach a second image generating section for generating a second image regard to the first image based on the display condition inputted by the user

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terminal; and, a window information generating section for displaying the first image and the second image simultaneously. However, Ida teaches a method and apparatus that generates a second image regard to the first image based on the display condition inputted by the user terminal; and, a window information generating section for displaying the first image and the second image simultaneously (Figures 4 and 5). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include in the invention of Yokomizo the composite imaging ability of Ida since the claimed invention is merely a combination of old elements, and in the combination each element merely would have performed the same function as it did separately, and one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that the results of the combination were predictable.

Claim 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokomizo et al. (US 2002/0067500 A1) ("Yokomizo") in view of Ida et al. (US 7,050,070 B2) ("Ida") and further in view of Hama et al. (US 4,751,507) ("Hama").

The cited prior art does not teach a display section for displaying the first image can select either a whole display or a partial display on the display window of the user terminal; wherein the window information generating section for displaying the first image and the second image simultaneously when the whole display is selected by the user terminal, while displaying a portion of the first image when the partial display is selected by the user terminal. However, Hama teaches a partial display of an image (Figure 5, "23" and "25"). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include in the invention of Yokomizo the partial display ability if Hama since the claimed invention is merely a combination of old elements, and in the combination

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each element merely would have performed the same function as it did separately, and one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that the results of the combination were predictable.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NAEEM HAQ whose telephone number is (571)272-6758. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeff A. Smith can be reached on (571)-272-6763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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